



RECEIVED  
OCT 31 2003  
TC 1700

Docket No.: M4065.0385/P385  
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
H. D. Dulman, et al.

Application No.: 09/917,697

Art Unit: 1756

Filed: July 31, 2001

Examiner: S. Mohamedulla

For: NOVEL ASSIST FEATURES FOR  
CONTACTS IN RETICLES  
MICROLITHOGRAPHY

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

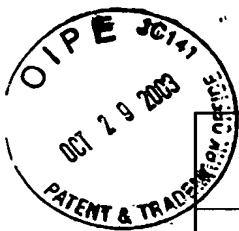
**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003 (Paper No. 4),  
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**No amendments to the Specification** are being entered at this time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.



RECEIVED

OCT 31 2003

TC 1700

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Docket No.  
M4065.0385/P385Application No.  
09/917,697-Conf. #9914Filing Date  
July 31, 2001Examiner  
S. MohamedullaArt Unit  
1756

Applicant(s): H. D. Dulman, et al.

Invention: NOVEL ASSIST FEATURES FOR CONTACTS IN RETICLES MICROLITHOGRAPHY

## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims	48	- 48 =		x	0.00
Independent Claims	7	- 7 =		x	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					
Other fee (please specify):					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:					0.00

☒ Large Entity☐ Small Entity☒ No additional fee is required for this amendment.☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 04-1073  
as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.☒ Credit any overpayment.☒ Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.Mark J. Thronson  
Attorney Reg. No.: 33,082Dated: October 29, 2003DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN & OSHINSKY LLP  
2101 L Street NW  
Washington, DC 20037-1526  
(202) 828-2232